

REMARKS

In the January 25, 2007 Petition Applicants respectfully petitioned to claim benefit to prior filed applications under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Page 1 of the March 16, 2007 Decision stated that Applicant's Petition did not comply with item (1) set forth below.

(1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and (iii) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted.

Page 2 of the Decision states that Applicants' amendment fails to comply with the provision of 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i). Specifically, the Decision states that the amendment improperly states that Application No. 08/596,331 is "the United States national stage application corresponding to PCT International Application PCT/US95/07671."

In support of this Renewed Petition, Applicants hereby submit the required reference to the prior applications as required by 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2) as an Amendment to the Specification on page 2 of this paper, as required by 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(3)(i). Specifically, Applicants have made the following "amendment" to the Amendment to the Specification:

... which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/596,331, filed May 20, 1996, now abandoned, which is the United States national stage application corresponding to and a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application PCT/US95/07671 filed June 14, 1995, ...

Accordingly Applicants submit that the reference requirement has been fully complied with and respectfully request that this Renewed Petition is granted.

CONCLUSION

If any issue is raised which would prevent or delay the granting of this Renewed Petition, the Director is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in an effort to resolve any outstanding issues. No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Renewed Petition. However, if any other fee is due the amount of any fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Respectfully submitted,

/Steven B. Pokotilow/

Steven B. Pokotilow
Registration No. 26,405
Attorney for Applicant
STROOCK & STROOCK & LAVAN, LLP
180 Maiden Lane
New York, New York 10038-4982
212-806-5400